

Abstract of the disclosure

A photometric device according to the present invention performs the steps of: performing photometry in a predetermined area of an overall area where photometry can be performed; performing photometry in a plurality of subareas formed by dividing at least a part of the predetermined area; and when a difference greater than a predetermined value exists among the photometric results in the subareas, correcting the photometric result in the predetermined area based on the photometric results in the subareas and determining backlight based on the corrected photometric result. Alternatively, the photometric device performs the steps of: setting a reference value for backlight determination based on the difference between the photometric result in the predetermined area and a photometric result in a peripheral area around the predetermined area or a photometric result in the overall area; and when a difference greater than a predetermined value exists among the photometric results in the subareas formed by dividing at least a part of the predetermined area, correcting the reference value based on the photometric results in the subareas. Thus, partial photometry and spot photometry can be performed at a lower luminance, and a backlight situation can be more accurately

determined.